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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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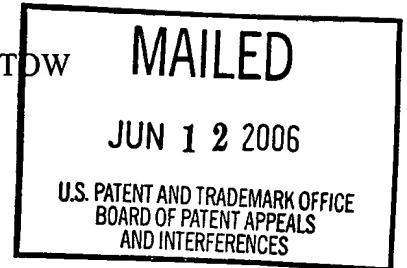
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Ex parte: DAVID R. BARSTOW and DANIEL W. BARSTOW

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Application No. 09/548,719

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 5, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated January 9, 2006. There is no indication on the record that the Information Disclosure Statement was considered by the Examiner. A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's consideration is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- 1) consideration and proper written response to the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 9, 2006;
- 2) to notify appellants of such consideration;
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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